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1. IN LIGHT OF UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT POSITIONS THAT FRG,
UK, AND OTHERS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE ON THE ERW--SS-20 LINKAGE

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IN NAC DISCUSSION, FURTHER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ARE
NECESSARY BEFORE WE CAN AGREE TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT
SESSION ON THIS SUBJECT. ACCORDINGLY, USNATO SHOULD
NOT COMMIT US TO TIMING PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WHICH
WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SEND THIS WEEK.

2. REGARDING BLECH'S QUESTION ON WHETHER WE FAVOR THE

NAC OR THE DPC AS A FORUM FOR ERW CONSULTATIONS (REF B),
WE WOULD APPRECIATE USNATO'S VIEWS.

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